Antiques in private Art Galleries.

570. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that antiques worth lakhs have been recovered following the raids conducted at the two private art galleries in Au-robindo Marg, South Delhi;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made by Government into the circumstances under which these found place in the private art galleries;

(c) if so, the number and value of these antiques and of those illegally picked from the excavation site in Mathura and kept in the private art galleries; and

(d) the action Government have against the culprits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCS DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. 35 and 11 stone and terracotta objects have been seized on 24-12-92 from the two private art galleries, namely, M/s. Gupta Bros. Art Gallery and Qutab Art Gallery respectively located at Aurbindo Marg, near Qutab Minar, South Delhi, New Delhi.

(b) The matter is under investiga tion with the Central Bureau of In vestigation, Special Investigating Unit (XII), New Delhi.

(c) Except 2 objects, the remaining 44 are antiquities. The valuation in respect of antiquities in monetary terms remains to be done by the Investigating agency. No antiquity is reported to be picked up from the excavation site at Mathura.

(d) The matter is seized with the * ivcstigating agency.

Making- use of unfair means in ex-amination a cognisable offence

371. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to make the use of unfair means in examinations a cognisable offence; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCS DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for pilot projects for School Drop out in A. P.

572. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOUMEN be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for sanctioning of two pilot projects in Nizamabad and Chittor districts to tackle the problem of school drop outs;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether these projects hare since been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCS DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as follows:

(1) *Universalisation of Elementary Education in Chittor District Objective*

To bring back all drop cut/non-enrolled children back to school and arrest future drop out rate and thereby achievement of effective Universal Elementary Education upto Class V in terms -of enrolment, retention and attainment of Minimum Levels of Learning.

Duration and Coverage

The duration of the project is 16 months with a coverage of 80.G00 children in the Chittor District.

Cost *Estimates*

The cost estimates for the project work out to Rs. 419.92 lakhs.

(2) *Bela Bodhana Shravanti-A move-mesnt For Universalisation of Elementary* Education

Objective

To ensure that all children in the age group *6*—14 years are brougnt to school cv enrolled in the non-formal jj.odes of education with focus on the girl child and also with active community support and participation.

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The project will cover 1.5 lakh children who are out of school in Niza-mabat! District.

Cost Estimates

The financial reqiurrment for implementing the project work out to "Rs. 292.78 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The proposals are under examr'nation.

Implementation of national action plan for children

573. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAB-HAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased, to state the steps so far taken to implement the National Action Plan lor Children, indicating the details of the plan and the extent to which the same has been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BAS-AVA RAJESHWARI): The National Plan of Action covers the decade upto 2000 A.D. The major goals for survival, protection and development of children, as envisaged in the National Plan of Action on Children are as follows:—

(i i) Reduction of infant mortality rate to less than 60 per thousand live births and reduction of child mortality rate to less than 10 by the year 2000.

(ii) Reduction of maternal morta- * lity by half during the period 1990-2000.

(iii) Reduction in severe and moderate malnutrition among under five children by half, by 2000 A.D.

(iv) Universal access to safe drinking water and improved access to sanitary means of excreta dis posal.

(v) Universal enrolment, retention, minimum level of learning reduction of disparities and univeosa- » lisation of effective access of schooling.

;vi) Achievement of adult literacy rate of 80 per cent in the age group 15—35 with emphasis on female literacy; and

(vii) Improved prtotection of children in especially difficult circumstances.

In some sectors intermediate goals have also been set.